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A.—(*a*) *to* (*d*) & (*f*) The Government will call for the information.

(*e*) There is no proposal before Government to close the Ice House Hostel.

Grants to the Seva Sadan in Mylapore.

*350 *Q.*—Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are giving a grant to the Seva Sadan in Mylapore;

(*b*) whether the Seva Sadan is an institution similar to the Government Hostel for Widows;

(*c*) if the answer to (*b*) is in the affirmative, what is the necessity for having three institutions of the same kind for widows in Madras;

(*d*) whether the Government has any institutions of this kind in the mufassal; and

(*e*) if the answer to (*d*) is in the negative, whether the Government will be pleased to consider the desirability of closing one of these institutions in the city and starting some in the districts?

A.—(*a*) The Seva Sadan, Mylapore, is receiving grants from the Industries Department in respect of the industrial section of the institution. An application for grants in respect of its educational section is under the consideration of the Government.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) No. The Governm nt are maintaining a hostel for widows in connexion with the Queen Mary's High School for Girls at Vizagapatam.

(*e*) The hon. Member's reference is perhaps to the Sarada Ladies' Home, the Seva Sadan and the Ice House Hostel. The first two are under private management.

UNSTARRED QUESTION

Public Health

Supply of drinking water to Salem town from the Mettur Project.

351 *Q.*—Subadar-Major S. A. Nanjappa Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state at what stage the question of supplying drinking water to Salem town from Cauvery-Mettur Project stands?

A.—The financing of the scheme is being considered.